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POWER SUPPLY IN HIMACHAL PRADESH
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the power generation capacity of hydro power projects of Himachal Pradesh has been affected recently due to heavy snowfall;

(b) whether the State-Government of Himachal Pradesh has demanded additional power supply from the Union Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the decision taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) : The power generation capacity of Hydro power projects of Himachal Pradesh has not been affected due to heavy snow fall during the winter season and it is reported that at present all the stations are in operation. The hydro power generation in Himachal Pradesh is more than the target by about 34.57% and 11.05% during October, 2008 & November, 2008 respectively. However, it is marginally less (4.73%) than the target during December, 2008 (upto 10th December, 2008).

(b) to (d) : The Government of Himachal Pradesh had requested for a minimum allocation of 15% unallocated power during the period 1st November, 2008 to 31st March, 2009. Keeping in view the power supply position in the States/UTs of Northern Region, unallocated power to the tune of 7-12% in various time slots of the day has been allocated to Himachal Pradesh with effect from 13th December, 2008.